

1. We usually serve primarily below 30% AMI. Is that allowed?

Yes, CDBG funds must serve low income beneficiaries under 80% AMI.

2. Is emergency rental assistance needed because of COVID-19 an eligible use of funds?

Yes, CDBG allows for subsistence payments, typically no more than 3 months, the NOFA will clarify any changes or limits.

3. Can funds be used to meet needs of households with an undocumented worker?

This is uncertain as they are federal funds, the NOFA may provide some clarification.

4. Who is eligible to apply?

Non-profit agencies and County Departments.

5. Can you say how many programs you hope to fund through this grant?

The County can apply for up to three activities, the NOFA will clarify if that includes multiple public service activities.

6. Is homeless prevention/housing stabilization for those impacted by the SIP an eligible use of funds?

Yes, services directly related to persons experiencing homelessness due to COVID-19 are eligible expenses, however, the services must be provided in the the unincorporated area of Santa Cruz County.

7. Please restate the anticipated eligible uses? (COVID related of course).

- i. Public services to respond to COVID-19 impacts
- ii. Public Facility improvements to increase capacity for healthcare facilities
- iii. Housing facilities for persons experiencing homelessness
- iv. Economic development support needs for working capital and furniture, fixtures, and equipment focusing on safety requirement

8. Can nonprofits apply who have not previously been awarded CDBG by the county?

Yes, nonprofits that have not been awarded in the past are eligible to apply. The activity proposed must be directly related to COVID-19.

9. Is there a maximum amount any one organization can apply for?

There is no maximum amount one organization can apply for, however, all funding must be expended in 12 months.

10. Will the funding be renewable?

The funding is not expected to be renewable and must be fully expended within 12 months.

11. Will items that were purchased for adherence to social distancing/safety now be reimbursable?

HCD has stated that some costs may be eligible for reimbursement, but the NOFA will provide clarification.